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Coordinator for Cooperative Programs

Dear Sir:

As per your memorandum of 6 July, here is my evaluation of the Summer Intern Program. I hope you find it useful and constructive.

Sincerely,



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cc: Chief NEB

I. Processing of Application and Entry on Duty

The processing of my application prior to EOD was generally good. I was notified (May 7, roughly) of acceptance into the Program early enough to make the necessary plans, yet had such notification come much later this would have difficult.

I do have one major criticism of my processing prior to EOD and it concerns communication or the lack thereof. When I came to Rosslyn on April 12-13 for physical and psychological testing and polygraph I was not scheduled for an interview in which my special qualifications and possible placement could be discussed. I could only presume that I would be accepted because of my Arabic training and that my placement would utilize that expertise. I was not given even a hint of the type of work I would be assigned, however. Thus I was kept in the dark as to what I would be doing -- even after I had been accepted into the Program.

As far as EOD is concerned, my evaluation is a positive one. The processing at EOD was efficient and organized, though not especially well-coordinated. My office was basically unsure of my arrival time. Consequently, my initial in-office orientation was sketchy, at best.

II. Work Assignment

I have been very pleased with my work assignment (FBIS/AAD/NEB) for this summer. It is not an overstatement to say that the assistance I have received in Arabic has been extraordinary. Furthermore, all of the personnel in NEB have been eager to help me in my work,

be it administrative, background or hard-core translation. In short, I have been highly impressed by the competence and cooperation of those in my office.

Also of major importance is the work I have been assigned. After a comfortable period of gradual break-in into the Arabic style which predominates in the modern press and publications, I was given difficult and thus very challenging classified documents for translation. As a result of the difficulty of the work and the ready access to help with it, my Arabic has improved significantly and I have acquired a genuine sense of accomplishment with its completion. Consequently, the tasks I have been given have been stimulating and most rewarding.

### III. Briefings

Generally, the briefing schedule was very well done. I think

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is largely to credit for this but then again, he was working with some pretty good material. Noteworthy is that all briefings were equally useful. Naturally some verged on boring while others were extremely entertaining, yet we all realize that the respective directors held their positions not because of their abilities to entertain but for other more substantial reasons. Therefore, I hardly think it useful to rank the briefings in order of popularity.

Some suggestions do come to mind, however. On a specific level, the OER should have been represented among the briefings. Such a briefing would not necessarily be one hour, preferably not, but certainly

deserves consideration. The same holds true for FBIS for the benefit of the other interns outside that component. Also, the DDO should have been represented regardless of Mr. Colby's rise to the Directorship and his consequent unavailability. On a general level, the length of the briefings should be limited strictly to 45 minutes. Then, if the question and answer period should run to one and one-half hours, such length can be easily accommodated. The problem is that some briefings suffered from "over-exposure."

#### IV. Suggestions for Improving the Program

STAT In my opinion the Summer Intern Program has been excellent and I feel [ ] should be commended for its success. Aside from the above observations I really have only one major suggestion dealing with recruiting.

If the Agency is indeed genuinely interested in maintaining its high standard of excellence, it should expand its college recruiting efforts. Campus hostility, if it does actually exist, should not deter the Agency from seeking out those students who are qualified to be in the Program and who hold promise of being future significant contributors to the intelligence effort. My experience at Princeton indicates that many potential applicants in area studies were lost because they simply did not know of the Program. The Agency could only benefit from an expanded pool of applicants.

V. Future Plans

This September I will begin my graduate study at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. I intend to concentrate in economics and international security studies while working toward the two-year master's degree (M.A.L.D.). Since I am seriously considering a career with the Agency, I plan to return to the Summer Intern Program next summer but with a different component, OCI. I am looking forward to working in OCI but at the same time do not want close my mind to other possibilities such as OER.